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USDOC FOR ROBERT PRITCHARD, DIRECTOR, FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAMS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: HKG GROUP TO VISIT U.S. TO STUDY
OPERATIONS AND GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE OF SLAUGHTERHOUSES
AND FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS

1. SUMMARY: HKG REQUESTS U.S. ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TOUR FOR
OFFICIALS FROM URBAN COUNCIL AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE USDA AND FDA OFFICIALS AND ON-SITE
INSPECTION OF RESEARCH CENTRES, QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORIES,
SLAUGHTERHOUSES, FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS, CONSUMER PROTECTION
ORGANIZATIONS AND FACTORIES PRODUCING SLAUGHTERHOUSE EQUIPMENT.
TRIP OFFERS PROSPECT OF INCREASED U.S. EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS AND
SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND FOOD PROCESSING MACHINERY AND QUIPMENT TO
HONG KONG. END SUMMARY.

2. HKG URBAN COUNCIL AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SENDING 4
HEALTH INSPECTORS TO WASHINGTON DC 6/9/77. REQUEST MEETING
APPROPRIATE USDA, FDA AND CONSUMER PROTECTION OFFICIALS
6/13/77 - 6/24/77. GROUP WOULD THEN DIVIDE INTO 2 TEAMS TO TOUR
FACILITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS U.S. ON ITINERARY TO BE SUGGESTED BY
USG. TEAMS WILL REJOIN IN SAN FRANCISCO 7/22/77. AFTER WEEK OF
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VISITS IN SF REGION GROUP WILL RETURN H.K.

3. GROUP CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING:

A) MEAT HYGIENE TEAM

A. MR. T.K. CHOY - STAFF OFFICER (ABATTOIRS)

B. MR. CHUNG, YIU-FAN - SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR (KENNEDY TOWN
ABBATOIR)

B) FOOD HYGIENE TEAM

A. MR. LAI, MAN-CHI - STAFF OFFICER (FOODS)

B. MR. NG, WAI-CHUNG - MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTOR

4. MEAT HYGIENE TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW ABATTOIR PLANNING AND MEAT HYGIENE PROMOTION IN H.K. WILL MAINLY STUDY ABATTOIR PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND MEAT HYGIENE CONTROL IN U.S. FOOD HYGIENE TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD IMPORT, EXPORT, MANUFACTURING AND SALE IN H.K. WILL STUDY FOOD ADMINISTRATION AND QUALITY CONTROL IN U.S.

5. GOALS OF TOUR FOLLOW:

A) 6/13/77 - 6/24/77 WASHINGTON, D.C.

VISIT USDA AND FDA HEADQUARTERS TO STUDY ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION THESE AGENCIES. STUDY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATION CONTROLLING FOOD AND DRUGS, SLAUGHTER OF FOOD ANIMALS, MEAT AND FOOD PACKING ESTABLISHMENTS, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF FOOD AND MEAT, FOOD ADDITIVES, MILK AND MILK PRODUCT MANUFACTURING, POULTRY PACKING PLANTS AND ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS. VISITS TO FDA FACILITIES, E.G. FOOD QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORIES, RESEARCH CENTERS FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF GOOD AND FOOD ADDITIVES, ETC.

B) 6/27/77 - 7/21/77 VARIOUS LOCATIONS

MEAT HYGIENE TEAM

VISIT 6 - 7 ABATTOIRS, RANGING IN SIZE FROM SMALL LOCAL SLAUGHTERHOUSES TO LARGE PACKING PLANTS; 1 - 2 ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS PLANTS; 1 CANNERY; AND AT LEAST 1 ABATTOIR EQUIPMENT FACOTRY TO STUDY METHODS, PRACTICE, ORGANIZATION, COST ECONOMY AND ADMINISTRATION AND THEIR EFFECT ON EFFICIENCY AND MEAT AND FOOD UNCLASSIFIED

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HYGIENE CONTROL.

FOOD HYGIENE TEAM

VISIT FIRMS INVOLVED IN FOLLOWING:

A. MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS INCLUDING MANUFACTURE OF CONCENTRATED MILK, DRIED MILK POWDER, EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK, CREAM, BUTTER, CHEESE ETC.

B. FOOD PRESERVATION SUCH AS CANNING, IRRADIATION, FREEZE DRYING AND QUICK FREEZING;

C. EGG AND EGG PRODUCTS INCLUDING MANUFACTURE OF FROZEN AND DRIED EGGS;

D. FISH AND SHELLFISH PRODUCTION INCLUDING LABORATORY RESEARCH ON POLLUTION OF MARINE LIFE, SHELL-FISH CLEANSING PLANT AND SHELL-FISH RAISING BEDS, QUICK FREEZING OF MARINE PRODUCTS;

E. FOOD ADDITIVES, INCLUDING MANUFACTURE OF FOOD COLOURS, EMULSIFIERS, STABILIZERS, FLAVOURINGS, ETC; F.

F. FRUIT JUICE AND SOFT DRINKS PRODUCTION;

G. FLOUR AND BAKERY PRODUCTS;

H. FATS AND EDIBLE OILS INCLUDING LARD, PEANUT AND CORN OIL;

I. VEGETABLES AND LEGUMES INCLUDING MANUFACTURE OF TEXTURED

(VEGETABLE PROTEIN) MEAT;
J. SANITARY FOOD APPLIANCES AND THE E-3-A SANITARY STANDARDS;
K. CONSUMER PROTECTION SUCH AS ORGANIZATION OR SOCIETY FOR
CONSUMER PROTECTION;
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1. MEAT AND POYLTRY PRODUCTION - SUCH AS SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND
PROCESSING PLANT
PURPOSE IS TO STUDY MODERN FOOD TECHNOLOGY, QUALITY CONTROL AND
DEVELOPMENT OF SANITARY FOOD APPLIANCES.
C) 7/22/77 - 7/28/77 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
ENTIRE GROUP MEET WITH LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO STUDY CONTROL
OF FOOD PREMISES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS. ALSO STUDY MANAGEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION OF AGENCY CONTROLLING IMPORT AND EXPORT OF
FOOD THROUGH PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO. VISIT FMC FACTORY, SAN JOSE;
MEAT PACKER EQUIPMENT CO., OAKLAND; SIMILAR FACTORIES IN BAY AREA.

6. DURATION OF VISITS AT DISCRETION OF USDOC AND USDA. TEAMS
PREPARED TO SPEND AS MANY DAYS AS NECESSARY EACH LOCATION FOR
THOROUGH STUDY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: POST WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC AND USDA

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COORDINATING THIS TRIP. PLEASE ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND VISITS AS ABOVE AND PROVIDE SUGGESTED TRAVEL CONNECTIONS FROM WASHINGTON THROUGHOUT U.S. TO SAN FRANCISCO. ALSO APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FOR MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS EACH CITY. TEAMS PREPARED TO B DOUBLE-UP" TWO TO A ROOM. IF POSSIBLE, POST WOULD APPRECIATE FINAL ITINERARY BY APRIL 15, 1977.

8. POST COMMENT: TOUR OFFERS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBSTANTIALLY EXPAND EXPORTS OF U.S. FOOD PRODUCTS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND FOOD PROCESSING AND HANDLING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO HONG KONG. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, ALL PREVIOUS TRIPS OF THIS KIND HAVE BEEN TO THE U.K. AND EEC. INTEREST IN U.S. IS THEREFORE A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH WHICH WE BELIEVE CAN BE PROFITABLY PURSUED. IT IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT COUNTRY COMMERCIAL TEAM CONCEPT CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THIS PROJECT AND INVOLVED EFFORTS OF USIS, FAS AND STATE.
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